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SUBJECT:

1. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN SECURING FROM THE LIBERIAN MARITIME COMMISSION, NEW YORK CITY, CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DOCUMENTS FOR USE BY THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY IN CONNECTION WITH A PENDING INVESTIGATION OF THE TIDAL MARINE INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION AND AFFILIATED COMPANIES. THE RECORDS AND TESTIMONY IN QUESTION RELATE TO VESSELS WHICH WERE REGISTERED UNDER THE LIBERIAN FLAG BUT WERE OPERATED UNDER AN ARRANGEMENT WITH TIDAL MARINE AND INVOLVE CONSPIRACY, SECURITIES FRAUD AND FRAUD AGAINST THE BANK.

2. THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAS ALREADY CONDUCTED DISCUSSIONS WITH THE LIBERIAN MARITIME COMMISSION AND THAT THE LATTER HAS NO OBJECTION TO SUPPLYING THE TESTIMONY AND DOCUMENTS. HOWEVER, SINCE SOME OF THE DOCUMENTS IN QUESTION ARE THE PROPERTY OF OR UNDER CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA, THE MARITIME COMMISSION HAS REQUESTED THAT AN OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR THOSE DOCUMENTS

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BE MADE BY THE USG TO THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED THEREFORE TO APPROACH THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REQUESTING
PERMISSION FOR THE LIBERIAN MARITIME COMMISSION TO SUPPLY
THE DOCUMENTS AND TESTIMONY NEEDED IN CONNECTION WITH THE
PENDING INVESTIGATION OF TIDAL MARINE INTERNATIONAL. KISSINGER

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